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» See actress
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Pena

To hear

See actress Elizabeth Pena at a free discussion about her career and Latinos in theater and film at 7 p.m. Monday at Columbia College Chicago Film Row Cinema (1104 S. Wabash Ave.). R.S.V.P. to 312-369-6600.

To find

Look out for 50 free paintings by artist Bren Bataclan in public spaces around the city through Thursday as part of his Smile Chicago Project.

To cook

Chefs can audition for Fox's "Hell's Kitchen" at an open casting call from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at Hard Rock Cafe (63 W. Ontario St.).

To exercise

Get a workout at home by picking up a Core Fusion Pilates Plus or Body Sculpt DVD (\$19.99) from Exhale Spa (945 N. State St.).

Gee, Whiz

RedEye's prognosticating pooch Whizzer is just now catching up with the rapid pace of technology. That's right: He's got a mobile phone, and he wants RedEye readers to text him their thoughts on Chicago sports. Maybe lament the Bears' last-second loss at Atlanta or hail the arrival of hockey season.

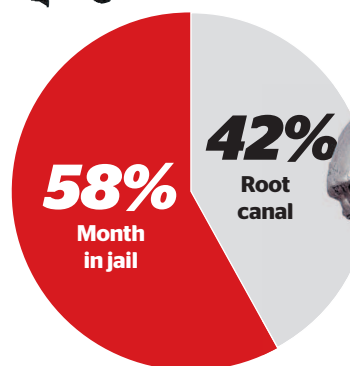
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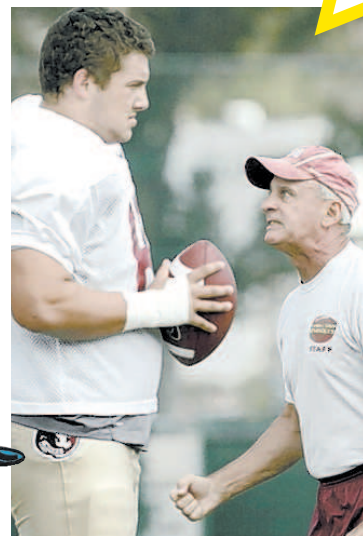


RANDOM DILEMMA

We asked. You responded. Here are the results from Friday's Random Dilemma, in which we asked if you would rather spend a month in jail or have a root canal every day for a week.



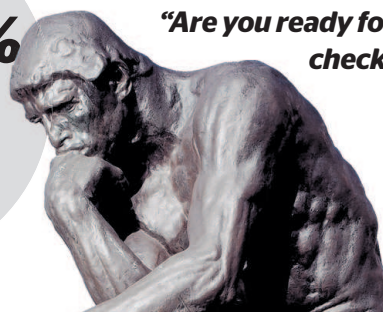
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FRIDAY'S WINNER

"Are you ready for a cup check, son?"

—JOSE LOZANO



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One last fling with summer.



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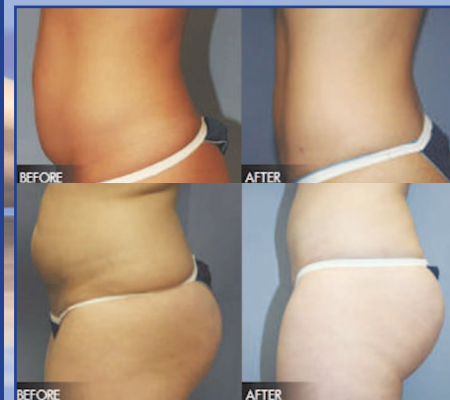
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McCain to return to Letterman's 'Late Show'

Associated Press

NEW YORK David Letterman and Sen. John McCain will get a chance to make up.

The Republican presidential candidate is scheduled to appear on Letterman's "Late Show" on Thursday.

It will be McCain's 13th visit to the CBS program but his first since he angered Letterman by canceling last month. Letterman was unhappy when McCain sat for an interview with Katie Couric instead of him on Sept. 24.

At the time he said he first felt like a "patriot" to let McCain off his commitment to deal with the economy, but "now I'm feeling like an ugly date."

A McCain spokeswoman said at the time that because of the economic crisis, the campaign "felt this wasn't a night for comedy."

Top 10 Reasons John McCain is Returning to the 'Late Show'

10 Producers tried to book "Maverick" star James Garner, but McCain responded instead.

9 Sarah Palin is too busy watching Russia from her house.

8 McCain wants to try out his "Obama-Uma" joke.

7 McCain is trying to avoid the other late show. You know, "that one."

6 Letterman is much easier to debate than Barack Obama.

5 It's the only TV show where McCain still leads in the polls.

4 One of McCain's many houses actually is in town—the Empire State Building.

3 He got lost on the way to "Saturday Night Live."

2 McCain is in search of a new running mate.

1 McCain thought the Brooklyn Bridge was the Bridge to Nowhere. **REDEYE**



Dolores Holmes took out an interest-only \$515,000 loan two years ago to buy a bed and breakfast in Lambertville, N.J. Once the business took root, she planned to refinance into a fixed-rate loan and cut her cost. But as the economy declined, she had trouble filling rooms. "I've been cutting back on anything personal," she said. "It's like everything I have has to go back into the business." **AP PHOTO**

Give me some credit

Economic crisis could change the way that Americans finance their lives

Associated Press

An inflatable gorilla beckoned from the roof of Don Brown Chevrolet in St. Louis, servers doled out free bowls of pasta, and a salesman urged potential customers to "come on up under the canopy and put your hands on" a new set of wheels.

But Adrian Clark could see it would not be nearly that easy. This was the ninth or 10th dealership for Clark, 22, a steamfitter looking for a car to commute to a new job. Every one offered a variation on the discouragement he was getting here: Without \$1,000 for a down payment, no loan.

"It's just rough times right now," Clark said. "Rough times."

For Clark, and for a nation of consumers heavily dependent on credit, there are growing signs that those rough times could prove to be more than just temporary, that they could be the beginning of a stark, new reality. Is America's long era of easy credit over?

Experts say that even when the current

IRAQ STOCKS BOOMING

While the rest of the world is facing a financial meltdown, the Iraq Stock Exchange is booming. The ISX index soared nearly 40 percent during September, boosted by increasing confidence in security gains. "I don't think that the current financial crisis will hurt our economy and especially this market because we are not connected to any of the global markets and we have very few foreign investors," said Omar Mouwaffak, a 73-year-old trader.

credit crunch eases, the nation may finally have maxed out its reliance on borrowed cash. Today's crisis is a warning sign, they say, that consumers could be facing long-term adjustments in the way they finance their everyday lives.

"I think we're undergoing a fundamental shift from living on borrowed money to one where living within your means, saving

and investing for the future comes back into vogue," said Greg McBride, senior analyst at **bankrate.com**.

"This entire credit crunch is a wake-up call to anybody who was attempting to borrow their way to prosperity."

A prolonged period of tighter credit is ahead, experts say.

U.S. consumers will find it much harder to get a credit card, and to carry large balances. Late fees will rise and lines of credit will be reined in.

After years of buying homes with interest-only loans, or loans that allowed people to borrow more than the value of the home, substantial payments and down payments will be required. Interest rates are also likely to rise.

"We are going to have to cut back," said Dean Baker of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, a Washington, D.C., think-tank. "We've really been living beyond our means."



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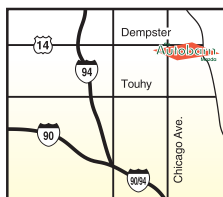
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**Samantha Ronson (left)
and Lindsay Lohan**
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LiLo and Sam back in Chicago

SIGHTINGS

>> Mark Consuelos recently dined at Gibsons. >> Mark Wahlberg and Seal were spotted at the Four Seasons on Tuesday.

>> "Titanic" star Billy Zane hung out at Manor and RiNo nightclubs Saturday night.

>> Patty Duke signed copies of her book "A Brilliant Madness" at Unity Temple on Tuesday in Oak Park.

MORE ONLINE

For more celebrity news, check out my blog at **thesebootsare made for stalking.com**.

Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson brought their high-profile relationship back to Chicago on Friday night. The two hung out at Crimson Lounge, where Ronson spun.

Lohan and Ronson regularly come to Chicago for Ronson's spinning gigs, and they are rarely apart. They arrived Friday evening and hung out in their suite at the Hotel Sax. At the club, Lohan drank water and Red Bull and texted on her phone while Ronson spun.

After the nightclub closed, Ronson and Lohan hung out for a little while before leaving. Their trip to Chicago was quick. They left for New York early the next morning.

Film fest in 'Bloom'

The 44th Chicago International Film Festival kicks off this Thursday with the premiere of "The Brothers Bloom."

There will be a star-studded red-carpet arrival with Rian Johnson, the movie's director, and award-winning actress Rachel Weisz at the Harris Theater. On Saturday night, the festival will honor Sidney Poitier with a lifetime achievement award and Common with an emerging artist award at Chase Auditorium at the annual Black Perspectives Tribute.

Buy a date ... for charity

For you lonely ladies out there looking for love, I have an event for you. This Wednesday night I'm hosting a date auction at Martini Park to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. It's a \$10 donation at the door, and the event begins at 6 p.m. If you want to check out the bachelors before you place your bids, go to **chiodateauction.com**.



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“This isn’t just a living situation; we’re like a family. We all genuinely care what the others are up to and hang out together inside the house and out. How many people sharing a three-flat can say that?”

GAIL KOPPA

Koppa shares her home with McKinley Carter, a friend of 15 years, and Linda Szarkowski, a friend of five years.

My best friend’s mortgage

Co-owning property with pals increasingly popular, especially in struggling market

By Kyra Kyles
REDEYE

Gail Koppa said she’s lucky when it comes to her living situation, which she likens to “Melrose Place.”

Koppa shares her home with McKinley Carter, a friend of 15 years, and Linda Szarkowski, a friend of five years. Both women live above her in separate units of a Rogers Park three-flat the three of them purchased almost four years ago.

“It all just started with me living in an apartment in Ravenswood Manor saying, ‘Gee, I wish I could afford to buy a home,’ and my girlfriend [Carter] also living in an apartment in Ravenswood, saying, ‘I wish I could afford a home,’” Koppa, 38, said. “So we thought about it, and said, ‘Hey, why don’t we just look for two-flats and buy together?’”

The joint purchasing plan grew when Szarkowski, whom Koppa had met a year before, wanted in on the arrangement. Szarkowski is married, but only the three women’s names are on the mortgage and deed to the building. That didn’t change even a year after the closing when Koppa too got married and her husband moved in.

“Lots of my other friends asked me if I was crazy,” Koppa said with a laugh. “They told me, ‘No way would I own property with a friend, and especially not one I hadn’t known for long.’”

Koppa isn’t alone in the trend of friends sharing mortgages. Co-ownership arrangements are increasingly popular, especially in the current real estate recession. Last month, a closely watched index showed home prices tumbling by the sharpest annual rate ever in July, and though the monthly rate of decline is slowing, there

is no evidence of a turnaround in sight, according to an Associated Press report.

In Chicago, more 20- and 30-something singles are upending the tradition of marriage before mortgage, and are buying—and living in—condos and multi-unit buildings together, real estate professionals told RedEye.

Part of the reason: Lenders are much more discriminating.

“Lending guidelines have become twice as hard to meet because of the housing market,” said Rubloff real estate agent Joe Schiller. “People just don’t qualify like they used to. But if they get some friends and put money together, they can afford that 20 percent down [payment] that you now need to purchase in some of these Chicago neighborhoods.”

Evanston-based mortgage consultant Corinne Guerra sees great promise in the team-up trend in home buying.

“If you go in with a friend that has worse credit, you pay a higher interest rate, but perhaps without that person’s portion of a down payment you wouldn’t be able to buy at all,” Guerra, of RWF Mortgage, said. “It can be win/win if done right.”

But buddy-system buyers beware.

Adding a friend or family member’s money to your mortgage mix could get you a bigger place, but it could cause bigger problems if living or financial situations change.

Sisters Amy and Rebecca Stoelinga ran into some issues about a year after jointly purchasing a two-bedroom, one-bathroom condo unit in Irving Park last June.

Rebecca, 30, a full-time musician, embarked on a serious relationship. Her boyfriend, Joe O’Hehir, began staying over frequently, eventually moving into the new



Gail Koppa (left) and her friend and housemate McKinley Carter sit in their backyard.

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construction condo—with consent from Amy—around June of this year.

Around the same time, Amy, 28, wanted to go back to school to pursue a teaching degree. The mortgage payments, once affordable with a corporate job, became a burden, Amy told RedEye. The siblings tried to work it out with all three living in the condo together, but at the end of July, Amy opted to move out and rent again.

“It would have helped me to split my portion of the mortgage with my sister’s boyfriend,” said Amy, who now lives alone in an Albany Park apartment. “But I think our plan failed because our place was just too small. A boyfriend, two cats, two sisters and one bathroom ... it was a lot.”

For now, Rebecca and Amy are leaving



their two names on the mortgage—per some advice from RWF’s Guerra, who helped document the sibs’ exit strategy this summer.

“We are sisters so we knew we weren’t going to live together until we were 80,” Rebecca said of the exit agreement, which includes a clause for Amy to use the condo’s washer and dryer whenever she wants. “And Joe is paying her back her initial down payment.”

It’s not always that easy to end co-ownership arrangements, Schiller said.

“It doesn’t matter the depth of your relationship or what kind of friendship you have with a person,” said Schiller, who advises friends or family members to sit down with an attorney. “Money changes everything. Write everything down.”

Documentation is not as critical for Koppa, who did not set up a co-ownership agreement through an attorney. She said she and her housemates simply drew up an informal document about how to handle tasks, such as household repairs and expenses. They hold meetings every other month to hash out other issues.

Even the trio’s out-clause is just a “gentlewoman’s agreement,” Koppa said.

“This isn’t just a living situation; we’re like a family,” Koppa said. “We all genuinely care what the others are up to and hang out together inside the house and out. How many people sharing a three-flat can say that?”

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TALK BACK

Do you think it’s a good idea or bad idea to own a home with a friend or family member? Tell us what you think by e-mailing ritaredeye@tribune.com. Please include your name, age and neighborhood. Submit a photo, too, and we may publish it with your letter.

Tips for bunking with friends

Thinking about buying and living in a property with some friends?

First, you may want to consider some advice from local real estate experts. From the initial house hunt to the moment you sign that mortgage and after move-in, you’ll need to be diligent to avoid drama. **KYRA KYLES**

Solidify search parameters

Rubloff real estate agent Roz Bryant said she has recently fielded increased interest from interested buyers who want to team up with friends and buy, particularly in the Bronzeville area.

But quibbles over what kind of home to purchase can derail even the best-laid plans.

“Agree on whether you want to rehab, purchase a home in move-in condition or get a condo or a multi-unit building,” Bryant said. “I’ve had quite a few requests from people who want to do this, but the number who actually go through with it is not nearly as high.”

Know your (and your friends’) finances

Lenders are increasingly wary of home purchasers because of the housing downturn.

“Lenders are looking at everyone who is trying to get on the mortgage,” said Joe Schiller, a real estate agent. “They pay particular attention to the person who puts the most down, but everyone will be reviewed, so be prepared.”

Design a plan, write it out

Who will take care of the lawn? Who will manage repairs?

You and your friends are forming a small homeowners’ association, in effect, according to real estate attorney Rachell Horbenko.

She said more clients are coming to her to obtain co-ownership agreements. Though the majority are for unmarried couples ready to live together, some are for friends or siblings who want everything in writing from who will handle maintenance requests to who, if anyone, will pay more of the mortgage to an exit clause.

“You can write up plans in any way you’d like, but make sure they are reviewed by a

lawyer,” said Horbenko, whose real estate, condo association and estate-planning practice is in Rogers Park. “Don’t go in on a handshake even if it’s a friend. You never know how a relationship will change until you start doing business together.”

Be ready for rentals

Streeterville’s Tony Ferri and two other friends purchased a home in San Diego seven years ago, taking advantage of positive market conditions to snare a three-bedroom, two-bath beachside property with a beach house. But Ferri lived in the property only one year when a job promotion led him to relocate to Florida, and another roomie stayed only six months.

That’s when the rental clause of their contract came in handy.

“We had a 10-page agreement we jokingly called a pre-nup,” Ferri, 35, said of the home that he still co-owns with his friends. “We outlined situations from the protocol if you wanted to rent out your room. Other roommates had the opportunity to review renters, check their credit and decide whether or not they could move in.”

Brace for a buyout

Say you decide to get married, have to move for your job, or just plain get tired of bunking with your buds. An out clause can be a blessing.

Schiller said all buyers should have the house appraised before purchase, and then again by that same appraiser should someone want to sell before the others are ready. “Say the house was \$200,000 but has increased by \$50,000 in value,” Schiller said. “You can take that \$250,000, subtract the expenses of cost to sell and taxes, then split that amount evenly between you all.”

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Study: Less driving, but more traffic

Chicago Tribune

Motorists in the Chicago area are making fewer trips to gas stations, but highways still are severely congested despite a decline of almost 5 percent in miles driven this year.

Congestion in the region is actually worse now than a year ago. Drivers hoping to reach their destinations on schedule need to budget almost double the amount of travel time that the trips should take.

Those are among the findings from a new study by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

This year the number of miles driven during the busiest travel hours has fallen steeply in the region, down 4.6 percent compared with last year, Jose Rodriguez, a planning agency researcher, found in his study titled "Recent Trends in Northeastern Illinois Expressway Vehicle Miles Traveled."

Yet Chicago-area drivers are unlikely to notice faster speeds and shorter travel times. How can that be? A combination of factors is at play.

Roadways were already so badly saturated with traffic that the decline in miles traveled hasn't significantly loosened the gridlock.

In addition, major construction projects on the Edens Expressway, the Stevenson Expressway and the Tri-State Tollway have effectively canceled out the gains from many vehicles being driven less.

To experience any significant congestion relief, drivers in the Chicago area would need to take to the roads in off-peak hours, the study suggested.

Some people may be doing just that.

Rodriguez found that some changes in commuting habits, such as more people working at home, influenced the downward trend in vehicle miles traveled.

But even though the number of people working at home has risen, most commuting habits are difficult to reshape.

About 70 percent of people who drive to work are traveling alone, according to data collected from census questionnaires. Only about 9 percent carpool.

The Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace have all recorded annual ridership increases of 5 percent or more in the past year. It's a welcome development, but only a start if the war against congestion is winnable.



Runners start the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, when the temperature reached 85 degrees.

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RUNNERS' WORLD

Better organization helps keep marathon from meltdown

Chicago Tribune

Better organization—including two to three times the amount of water and Gatorade stocked at drink stands along the Chicago Marathon route—helped keep Sunday's race from becoming the miserable meltdown that shuttered last year's event hours after it started, runners and race organizers said.

Temperatures peaked at a sweaty 85 degrees Sunday. But more than 30,000 runners pounded on, running through sun-baked streets in 29 of the city's neighborhoods. A weather-alert status for the marathon changed from yellow to red at 11 a.m., meaning the heat had changed to "high alert," letting runners know they needed to adjust their pace.

A total of 125 runners were taken from the race for medical care this

WINNERS... KENYAN, RUSSIAN RUNNERS COME OUT ON TOP page 21

year, compared with about three times that number last year, said Marianne Caponi, public relations director for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. One person died during last year's marathon.

Carey Pinkowski, the marathon's executive director, credited changes made since last year, such as a greater number of water stations, for the lower number of participants who needed medical treatment.

"It was a good day with less than ideal conditions," he said.

The race finished in Grant Park near Buckingham Fountain, where successful runners said the heat slowed their times, but wasn't bad enough to make them quit.

MARATHON PROFILE

Brad and Katy Van Pelt

Katy Van Pelt, 30, was running her third marathon on Sunday—and her first one run while eight months' pregnant.

"I signed up the day before I found out I was pregnant," said Van Pelt, who also has a 2½-year-old child.

"It was a lot slower," said Van Pelt, who also ran last year's race. "I had to keep stopping. I probably walked more."

Van Pelt's husband and fellow marathoner, Brad Van Pelt, was much more worried than his wife.

"He thinks I'm crazy," Katy Van Pelt said.

"Two OBs [obstetricians] ran by me and said it was awesome," Van Pelt said. Another runner identified herself as a nurse and playfully let her know she was available to help in case the baby, due Nov. 6, came early.



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Woman rescued from burning building

Chicago firefighters used a ladder to rescue a woman from a burning building in Ukrainian Village early Sunday. When the first firetruck pulled up around 12:30 a.m. the woman was waving her arms from a third-story window, a fire department spokesman said. Firefighters hoisted a 35-foot ladder to the window and helped the woman down to the street in the 1800 block of West Chicago Avenue.

Boy charged in killing

A 15-year-old boy was charged as an adult Sunday with the murder of 13-year-old Sameere Conn, who was shot to death earlier this month while buying snacks inside a far South Side convenience store, police said. Police said the boy was charged as an adult with one count of first-degree murder, but his name was not being released Sunday morning.

1 teen killed, another hurt in South Side shooting

One teen was killed and another severely wounded in a shooting on the 6900 block of South Paxton Avenue on Saturday, police said. A man walked up to the teens and began shooting. Ernest Williams, 17, of the 7300 block of South Cottage Grove Avenue was pronounced dead at University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, officials said. The 14-year-old was reported in serious to critical condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Early voting begins

Illinois voters in most of the Chicago area can take advantage of early voting starting Monday. Through Oct. 30, voters can cast a ballot without having to give reason why they are not able to vote on Nov. 4. A government-issued photo ID is required for early voting. Early voting will be available Monday at 51 sites in Chicago and 44 sites in suburban Cook County.

HOLIDAY INFO

Monday is Columbus Day, a federal holiday. The following public services will be affected:

Schools: Chicago Public Schools will be closed. Most parochial and suburban schools also will be closed.

Government offices: Federal, county and city offices will be closed.

Postal service: No mail delivery.

Courts: Federal, state and county courts will be closed, except for Cook County Central Bond Court.

Banks: Most will be closed.

Parking: Meters must be fed.

Transit: CTA, Pace and Metra will run on weekday schedules.



Jose Rivera, one of the city's few locally funded manual street sweepers, tidies the Puerto Rican business corridor of Division Street last week. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

Man keeps Humboldt Park clean

Six days a week at dawn Jose Rivera pushes a trash can on a shopping cart down Humboldt Park's business corridor, quietly picking up liquor bottles, fast-food wrappers and cigarette butts with a frayed household broom, dirty dust pan and, sometimes, his bare hands.

Rivera, 61, rids Division Street of litter within the monumental Puerto Rican flags that mark its borders at Western and California Avenues.

On a recent Monday morning, a street-cleaning truck zoomed passed Rivera, a Puerto Rico native. Rivera is one of the city's

few locally funded manual street sweepers.

Residents got together in the 1990s to designate the Paseo Boricua a cultural business center and seek out alternatives to inconsistent city services such as street cleaning, said Enrique Salgado Jr., executive director of the Division Street Business Development Association.

"And the easiest way to do that was just to hire somebody to do it ourselves," Salgado said.

But finding street sweepers has not been easy. In eight years, business owners have hired as many as 15, Salgado said.

"It's a hard job," Salgado said. "We're only able to pay minimum wage, you're outside, you're dealing with garbage."

When the last sweeper quit, Rivera approached Salgado about the job. Rivera is one of the oldest and best sweepers Division Street has ever had, Salgado said. And the businesses have taken notice.

"They've seen him out there even on rainy days. It's rare that he will take a day off," Salgado said.

"He takes pride in what he does. He lives here on the street, the street looks good, people notice it."

No bail for men charged in teen shootings

Two men charged in separate shootings that killed two 15-year-olds in Chicago were ordered held without bail on Sunday in Cook County Circuit Court.

Efrain Alcaraz, 20, of the 1800 block of West 22nd Place in Chicago, is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Daniel Calderon, 15, of the 2200 block of West 23rd Place in the city. Calderon was shot late Friday and died early Saturday in what police described as a gang-related incident

in the 2300 block of South Seeley Avenue in Chicago.

Prosecutors on Sunday said Alcaraz also hid behind a car and shot a 19-year-old man in the back. That man was in stable condition at an area hospital on Sunday, prosecutors said. Alcaraz was charged with attempted first-degree murder in that shooting.

Calderon, who was walking nearby, was shot at close range in the chest, stomach and thigh, prosecutors said.

Prentice Shipp, 18, of the 7100 block of South Woodlawn Avenue in Chicago, was held on charges of first-degree murder in the May 26 shooting death of Sharkelia Taylor, 15, a Gary resident who visited the city often.

Shipp fired several shots into a crowd of teens May 26 near 69th Place and South Dorchester Avenue, prosecutors said. Taylor was hit in the back and died, and a 19-year-old woman was hit in the leg. Shipp also was charged with attempted first-degree murder.


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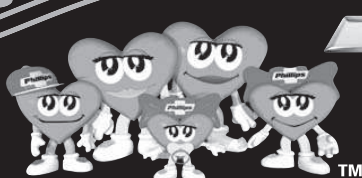
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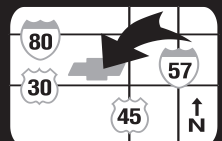
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'Tis the season—already

1 **LOS ANGELES** Retailers bracing for a cheerless holiday spending season are displaying their yuletide spirit earlier than ever in an effort to nudge consumers to start buying NOW.

Confronted by some of the most dismal spending forecasts since the early 1990s, Costco already is selling prelighted fake fir trees, located conveniently next to two aisles of toys, even though Halloween is still more than two weeks away.

Wal-Mart rolled out its holiday display last week, days after cutting prices on 10 popular toys to \$10 each. And at HomeGoods, a domestic decoration supplier, glittery snowmen and Santa figurines share shelf space with scary

MONEY MATTERS

How bad could this holiday buying season be for retailers? Here are a couple of predictions.

» The National Retail Federation predicted a gloomy 2.2 percent spending increase to \$470.4 billion, well below the 10-year average of 4.4 percent.

» Deloitte predicted an uptick of 2.5 percent to 3 percent above last year's levels, one of the smallest since 1991.

witches and grinning jack-o'-lanterns.

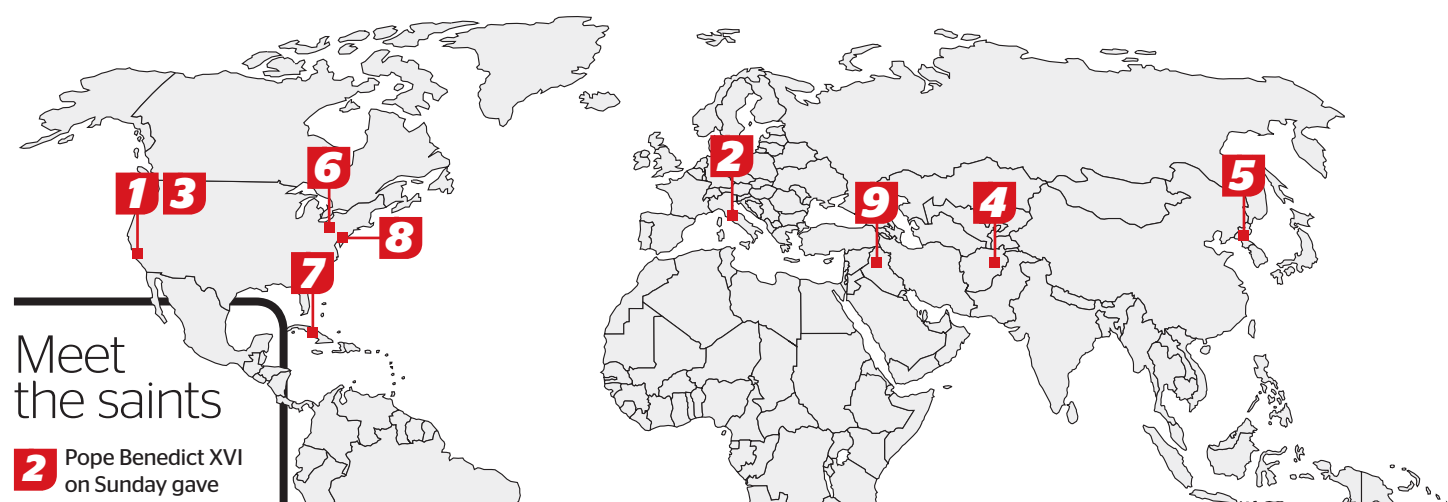
"It seems they are trying to figure out different ways to bring consumers into the stores," said Jackie Fernandez, a retail expert at Deloitte's L.A. branch.

But whether holiday paraphernalia and a sale or two will jump-start the holiday spending season is as much of a mystery as what goes into mincemeat pie.

"We expect consumers to be frugal this season and less willing to splurge on discretionary items," said Rosalind Wells, the federation's top economist.

Expectations have been dampened by the financial meltdown, the housing crisis, rising unemployment, flat salaries and price hikes on everything from gasoline to groceries. Actual spending could be even less given the recent financial turmoil, Fernandez said.

"When I talk to my retail clients, a lot of them are saying, 'I'll be happy with breaking even,'" she said.



Meet the saints

2 Pope Benedict XVI on Sunday gave the Roman Catholic church four new saints.

Introducing ...

» Sister Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception, an Indian woman whose canonization is seen as a morale boost to Christians in India who have suffered Hindu violence.

» Gaetano Errico, a Neapolitan priest who founded a missionary order in the 19th Century.

» Sister Maria Bernarda, born Verena Buetler in Switzerland in 1848, who worked as a nun in Ecuador and Colombia.

» Narcisa de Jesus Martillo Moran, a 19th Century laywoman from Ecuador who helped the sick and the poor.



1,200 flee fires

3 Firefighters backed by water-dumping helicopters and planes gained ground Sunday on a wildfire that destroyed two homes and forced the evacuation of about 1,200 people north of downtown L.A. Officials say the fire has burned 750 acres. **AP PHOTO**



4 NATO: We're not losing

The top NATO general in Afghanistan on Sunday rejected the idea that NATO is losing the Afghanistan war. But U.S. Gen. David McKiernan (above) also said at a news conference in Kabul he needs more military forces to tamp down militants. **AP PHOTO**

5 Nuclear disabling to resume

North Korea said Sunday it will resume disabling its key nuclear complex after the U.S. dropped the country from a terrorism blacklist—a breakthrough expected to help energize stalled talks aimed at ending the country's atomic ambitions.

6 Evacuated residents return

About 2,500 people who fled when a corrosive liquid overflowed from a tank at a chemical plant in Petrolia, Pa., and evaporated were allowed to return home Sunday after authorities determined that no toxins remained in the air.

7 Racism cited in U.S. election

Fidel Castro says a "profound racism" in the U.S. will stop millions from voting for Barack Obama. The 82-year-old former Cuban president says it is "a miracle that the Democratic candidate hasn't suffered the same luck as [assassinated leaders] Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and others who harbored dreams of equality and justice."

8 Financial protection

The World Bank has agreed to protect poor and vulnerable countries in the current financial turmoil. Mexican Finance Minister Agustín Carstens said Sunday the bank and its sister institution, the International Monetary Fund, will draw on the full range of their resources to help these countries.

9 Bombings kill 13

Suicide car bombers struck twice Sunday in the northern city of Mosul, killing at least six people and wounding dozens of others, U.S. and Iraqi officials said. A car bomb killed seven other people in Baghdad.

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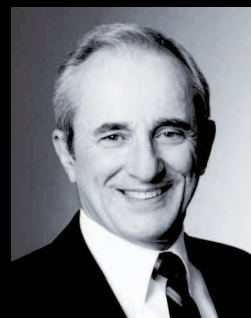
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Chicago Tribune

Jason Elam booted a 48-yard field goal at the final gun to lead the Atlanta Falcons past the Bears 22-20 Sunday at the Georgia Dome.

The Bears appeared to have saved their best for last, scoring on a 17-yard pass from Kyle Orton to Rashied Davis with 11 seconds left.

But with six seconds left, Atlanta rebounded with a 26-yard pass from Matt Ryan to Michael Jenkins to set up Elam's winning kick with only a second remaining, the last of Elam's five field goals.

Ryan had an excellent game, finishing 22-of-30 for 301 yards and a touchdown. Orton was 26-of-43 for 286 yards and a TD. Neither quarterback was intercepted.

The Bears held Atlanta running back Michael Turner to 54 yards on 25 attempts. Matt Forte picked up 76 yards on 20 rushes with one touchdown.

The Falcons (4-2) had little trouble with the Bears' defense on the opening drive of the game. Jerious Norwood returned Robbie Gould's opening kickoff 39 yards to the Atlanta 41. From there, Ryan led the Falcons on a 10-play, 48-yard drive that ended with a 29-yard field goal by Elam and a 3-0 lead. Ryan completed all five passes for 57 yards on the drive.

A key but bizarre third-down play occurred with just over nine minutes to go in the second quarter. The Falcons' Norwood fumbled inside the Bears' 25-yard line.

The ball was recovered by the Bears' Tommie Harris. But Harris then fumbled, and the ball was recovered by the Falcons' Jason Snelling.

The officials ruled that there had been a change of possession and, since Atlanta had recovered, the Falcons got a new set of downs instead of losing the football or facing a fourth-down situation.

FALCONS 22 BEARS 20

Orton shows worth with final drive to take the lead, but a defensive collapse allows Atlanta to escape with win.

Bears coach Lovie Smith challenged the ruling, but the original call was upheld.

Elam punched in a 32-yard field goal with 7:49 to go until intermission to make it 9-0.

The Bears finally got on the scoreboard with a 36-yard field goal by Gould with 4:02 left in the half to cut it to 9-3. The Bears had only 20 yards rushing in the first half.

The first touchdown of the game came on a 3-yard run by Matt Forte with 2:24 left in the third quarter.

The 14-play, 82-yard drive was the Bears' longest march of the season.

The Bears were stopped on the Atlanta 1-yard line with eight minutes left. Forte was stopped on a fourth-down dive up the middle, and the Falcons retained a 19-10 lead. On third down, the Bears were thwarted when fullback Jason McKie attempt to dive into the end zone.

But the Bears got the ball back with 5:56 left at their own 46. Gould booted a 32-yard field goal with 4:05 left to make the score 19-13. Norwood then returned Gould's kickoff 85 yards to the Bears' 17 as Garrett Wolfe made the touchdown-saving tackle. But Elam missed a field goal from 33 yards that was wide left. That snapped a string of 30 straight field goals by Elam over the last two seasons.

The Bears took over at their own 23 to try to mount a winning drive. Orton connected on passes to Forte, Devin Hester and Davis to move to the Atlanta 17 before calling a timeout with 28 seconds left. Two incompletions left the Bears with a third-down situation. Orton then hooked up with Davis in the corner of the end zone to tie the game 19-19 with 11 seconds remaining. Davis beat Atlanta's Chris Houston on the play. Gould booted the go-ahead extra point.

But 11 seconds later, Elam ruined the outcome.

BEARS HITS

Fifth-year Atlanta WR Michael Jenkins, whose 26-yard catch with 1 second remaining set up Jason Elam's 48-yard field goal, knew he had to compensate for not jumping high enough to catch a touchdown pass early in the second quarter. When offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey gave him another chance, Jenkins was thrilled to catch Matt Ryan's pass on a crossing route and get out of bounds in time for one last play. "They were playing like a deep, real soft cover-2, and Matt (Ryan) threw a great ball," Jenkins said. "It worked out perfect."

» Bears CB Charles Tillman suffered a shoulder injury late in the first half and was out for the rest of the game. Trumaine McBride and backup FS Danieal Manning joined Tillman on the sideline with injuries. Nathan Vasher was among the pre-game inactives.

» Matt Forte led the Bears with 76 yards rushing. **TRIBUNE, AP**

THEY SAID IT

"I've been in some wild games, but I think this one trumps them all."

FALCONS QB MATT RYAN

"You have to play a full game. We didn't."

BEARS QB KYLE ORTON



**TALK BACK**

Bears fans, how are you feeling about the team after this week's crushing, last-second defeat? E-mail us at redeyesports@tribune.com. Include your full name, age and neighborhood so we can give you proper credit if we use your comment in an issue of RedEye.

POLL POSITION

Fans at chicagotribune.com were asked:

"Who's the least valuable member of the Bears after the loss?"

31.6%

LOVIE SMITH

Everything, just everything

27.8%

DEFENSE

Try stopping them on 3rd and long

19.4%

BOB BABICH

The defense is your fault

8.0%

ROBBIE GOULD

Get something on that squib

7.9%

RON TURNER

Another fullback dive?

5.4%

MARCUS HAMILTON

You, sir, are no Charles Tillman

Falcons kicker Jason Elam boots the game-winning field goal as time expires during Sunday's game at Atlanta.

AP



And boom goes the dynamite



Whizzer relives how the Bears, after Kyle Orton's would-be game-saving touchdown pass, blew it.

11 seconds left

What happened Orton had just connected with Rashied Davis for the go-ahead score, setting off a wild celebration on the Bears' sideline. Falcons fans started heading for the exits. Robbie Gould pooched the ensuing kickoff, and the Falcons' Harry Douglas managed a 10-yard return to the Atlanta 44.

Whizzer's take Smart enough by the Bears brain trust going with that kick. Certainly you don't want to give Jerious Norwood another chance to burn you with a long return. After all, with only six seconds left and a rookie quarterback behind center, what's the worst that can happen?

6 seconds left

What happened Ryan hooked up with Michael Jenkins on a 26-yard completion on a deep out-route and Jenkins was pushed out of bounds by Mike Brown. The replay assistant challenged the pass completion ruling, and the play was upheld.

Whizzer's take Are you kidding me? First, what kind of coverage call allowed Jenkins to run free deep into the secondary? Secondly, how did Mike Brown not take his head off for daring to come into his territory? I've seen more activity in the defensive backfield from the little plastic men on an electric football field. Even the instant replay ref must have doubted what he was seeing. Oh no, my friend, this is how we roll in Chicago.

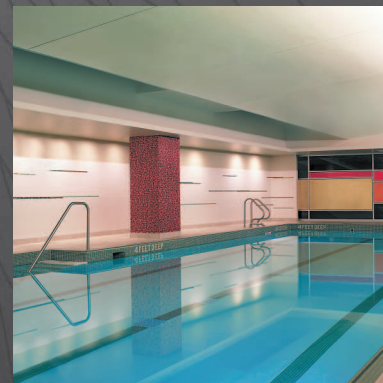
1 second left

What happened Jason Elam redeemed an earlier miss with a game-winning 48-yard field goal, setting off a wild Falcons celebration in the middle of the field.

Whizzer's take If you squint really hard, you could see Cubs on Chicago's sideline.

OK, maybe it's just those stunned looks that are eerily similar. Just think about this: Each of the Bears' three losses involved a blown fourth-quarter lead, although none so dramatic as Sunday. The Spinsters of the Midway look like old ladies when they most need a stop. **AP CONTRIBUTED.**

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Wrestle maniac

Elliott Serrano geeks out with the stars of TNA Wrestling this week on his blog redeyechicago.com/geektome.



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1 OK, Bears fans, how do you lose a game in six seconds?	Premature celebration. There's medication for that.	Same way my neighbor's patio deck got rain damage—forget to finish.	Easy. Use the “give them just enough yardage to hit the game-winning field-goal” defense.	By making the stupidest strategic move since Fukudome hit 2nd in Game 1.	The same way you lose for 101 years. Next question.
2 Are there any positives we can take from this Bears loss?	Yes. Kyle Orton and Matt Forte would destroy the Bears defense.	I'm no longer worried I won't have enough vacation days for a Super Bowl trip.	It looked like the Bears found a QB who can throw a game-winning pass instead of a game-losing interception.	I was positive they'd find a way to lose. At least my cousin Ralph was.	Anything's better than hearing Lovie say “Rex is our quarterback.”
3 How would you get Chicagoans interested in the baseball playoffs?	Smother it with cheese.	There are playoffs in baseball? I thought we just got to play three extra games each year.	Throw some ivy on the outfield walls and drunks in the stands and—voila!—it's Wrigley Field!	Give the Cubs a mulligan.	Prolong the rivalry. Free Rays hats to Cubs fans and Dodgers hats to Sox fans.
4 The Hawks are 0-2. How will playing their home opener help them Monday?	Between periods, Pat Foley stages the ill-conceived play, “La Cage Aux Foley.”	It will help as much as it did the Cubs and Bears in their home openers—not much.	They can show the home fans they also are able to crush expectations, just like the Cubs, Sox, Bulls ...	John McDonough suits up for home games.	Honor Bill Wertz by having a blackout promotion non-televvised game.
5 What about the Chicago Marathon stood out to you?	A guy in a Batman costume ran. The only thing Soxman ran was his weekly bath water.	Enduring hours of punishment to stagger to the end and vomit? It's like watching a Bears game.	Oh, so that's why traffic was a mess downtown.	I finished it in 26.2 beers.	It was the longest championship “run” we've seen in Chicago in 3 years.



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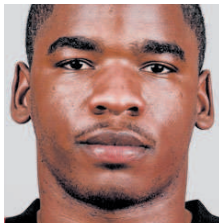
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Who's The Man? award

Dolton native **Donovan McNabb** (left) set the Eagles' career records for pass attempts (3,943) and passing yards (26,980) during Sunday's 40-26 win over the San

Francisco 49ers. McNabb threw a 26-yard completion to rookie wide receiver DeSean Jackson midway through the second quarter to pass Ron Jaworski on the attempts list, then eclipsed Jaworski's passing yardage mark in the fourth quarter.



Way To Go Rookie award

Bucs rookie **Geno Hayes** (left) blocked a punt and returned it 22 yards for Tampa Bay's first touchdown in a 27-3 win over Carolina. **AP**

NFC standings

North	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 6 scores
Green Bay	3	3	0	.500	W, 27-17 at SEA
BEARS	3	3	0	.500	L, 22-20 at ATL
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	W, 12-10 vs. DET
Detroit	0	5	0	.000	L, 12-10 at MIN
South	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 6 scores
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.667	W, 27-3 vs. CAR
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	L, 27-3 at TB
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	W, 22-20 vs. BEARS
New Orleans	3	3	0	.500	W, 34-3 vs. OAK
East	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 6 scores
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	1.000	at CLE, Mon.
Washington	4	2	0	.667	L, 19-17 vs. STL
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	L, 30-24 at ARI (OT)
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	W, 40-26 at SF
West	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 6 scores
Arizona	4	2	0	.667	W, 30-24 vs. DAL (OT)
San Francisco	2	4	0	.333	L, 40-26 vs. PHI
Seattle	1	4	0	.200	L, 27-17 vs. GB
St. Louis	1	4	0	.200	W, 19-17 at WAS

AFC standings

North	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 6 scores
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	Off
Baltimore	2	3	0	.400	L, 31-3 at IND
Cleveland	1	3	0	.250	vs. NYG, Mon.
Cincinnati	0	6	0	.000	L, 26-14 at NYJ
South	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 6 scores
Tennessee	5	0	0	1.000	Off
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	W, 31-3 vs. BAL
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	W, 24-17 at DEN
Houston	1	4	0	.200	W, 29-28 vs. MIA
East	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 6 scores
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	Off
New England	3	2	0	.600	L, 30-10 at SD
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0	.600	W, 26-14 vs. CIN
Miami	2	3	0	.400	L, 29-28 at HOU
West	W	L	T	PCT.	Week 6 scores
Denver	4	2	0	.667	L, 24-17 vs. JAC
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	W, 30-10 vs. NE
Oakland	1	4	0	.200	L, 34-3 at NO
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	Off



Did you see that?

The Redskins appeared set to win their fifth straight game, but Rams receiver Donnie Avery hauled in a 43-yard pass (above) in front of the Redskins' Leigh Torrence on third-and-13 to move into field-goal territory. Josh Brown kicked a 49-yarder to give St. Louis a 19-17 win. **MCT**



Top play

Two little-known players brought an abrupt end to a day of confusion, comebacks and clutch performances in the desert. Sean Morey blocked Mat McBriar's punt and Monty Beisel scooped up the ball and scored from 3 yards to give the Arizona Cardinals a crazy 30-24 overtime victory over the Dallas Cowboys. It was the first time in NFL history that a blocked punt for a touchdown ended a game in overtime. Morey rushed untouched off the left side of the Dallas line to block the kick. Beisel, a backup linebacker, picked up the ball at about the 3 and bowled over the goal line. **AP**

HOMETOWN HITS



FIRE 2, CREW 2

Forward Brian McBride scored twice to give the Fire a 2-2 draw against the Columbus Crew on Sunday in front of 14,994 fans at Toyota Park. The Fire (12-9-7) clinched a postseason spot.



The Blackhawks open the home portion of the season on Monday after dropping their first two games over the weekend by identical 4-2 scores against the Rangers and the Capitals. The Hawks must find a way to jump-start their power play, which has failed in its first eight opportunities. The Predators are coming off a 3-1 victory Saturday over Dallas at home.

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» Hawks players will arrive via limos on Madison Street between 5 and 5:30 p.m. and walk down a red carpet as they enter the arena.

» Denis Savard is looking for more output from his top six forwards. Only Patrick Kane has a goal thus far.

UP NEXT
vs. Nashville
Monday: 7:30 p.m., CSN



Joakim Noah said he'll wear protective goggles when



Noah

he returns to practice Monday. The center hasn't practiced since getting poked in the eye by Thabo Sefolosha on the second day of camp.

» Andres Nocioni has played just 17 minutes and has four turnovers and just two points in the first two games.



Illinois coach Ron Zook is re-evaluating Arrelious Benn's role on kickoff returns after the unit suffered a shaky day Saturday in a stunning 27-20 loss to Minnesota. Benn is averaging 15.7 yards on 10 returns. A.J. Jenkins is the Illini's top returner with a 20.7-yard average.

On a roll

Kenyan continues marathon dominance

Kenya's Evans Cheruiyot won his second marathon in two tries, pulling away late from countryman David Mandago before finishing in 2 hours, 6 minutes, 25 seconds to win the Chicago Marathon on a warm Sunday morning.



Grigoryeva

A winner at Milan in December, the 26-year-old Cheruiyot grabbed the lead in the 24th mile and was all alone as he crossed the finish line for his first major marathon victory. Mandago clocked in at 2:07:37 in his first major marathon.

It was a good day for Russia's Lidiya Grigoryeva too.

The 2007 Boston Marathon champion breezed to her second major victory, clocking in at 2:27:17 and finishing more than two minutes ahead of runner-up Alevtina Biktimirova of Russia (2:29:32). Japan's Kiyoko Shimahara (2:30:19) was third.



Evans Cheruiyot crosses the finish line Sunday in the Chicago Marathon.

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MARATHON HITS

Kenyan Wesley Korir is listed fourth overall among the race's 31,401 finishers with a time of 2 hours, 13 minutes, 53 seconds. But he won't get the fourth-place prize money of \$15,000 because he started with the masses rather than with the elite men, who began five minutes earlier. International track rules for road running say that only athletes who start with the elite race's opening gun qualify for prize money. The intent of the rule is to take into consideration that Korir did not race the leaders. He raced the clock.
» Just 33,033 of the 45,000 registered entrants made it to the start line Sunday. The 11,967 is the largest number of no-

shows since the race began accepting 40,000 runners in 2003. Race director Carey Pinkowski believes Sunday's no-show increase might have been attributable to runners being cautious about the heat after last year's problems.

WHEELCHAIR DIVISION

» Kurt Fearnley won the men's Paralympics marathon at Athens in 2004 and at Beijing last summer, and Sunday he took the Chicago Marathon wheelchair division for the second straight year.
» The women's winner was Amanda McGrory of the U.S. She was timed in 1:55:12, while runner-up Cheri Blauwet of the U.S. finished in 1:55:34.

NLCS

All games on Fox

Game 3: DODGERS 7, PHILLIES 2
Philadelphia leads series 2-1

Blake DeWitt's bases-loaded triple off Jamie Moyer capped a five-run first inning, and the feisty Dodgers beat the Phillies 7-2 in a testy game Sunday night. The benches and bullpens emptied in the third moments


after L.A. starter Hiroki Kuroda threw a pitch over Shane Victorino's head, with an angry Manny Ramirez barking at the Phillies during the dustup. But there were no punches or ejections, and the Dodgers played with poise all night.

Up next:
Game 4, 7:22 p.m. Mon.: Philadelphia (Blanton 4-0) at L.A.


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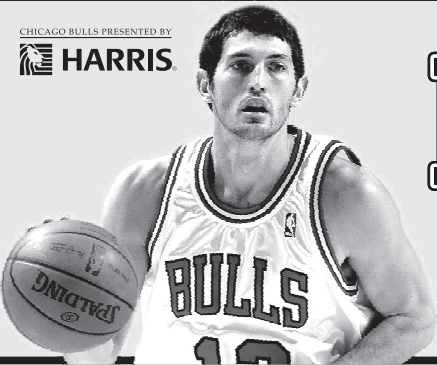
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Series tied 1-1
Game 3, 3:37 p.m. Mon.: Tampa Bay (Garza 11-9) at Boston (Lester 16-6)
The Red Sox had the second-best home record in baseball during the regular season. Only five teams had better road records than the Rays.

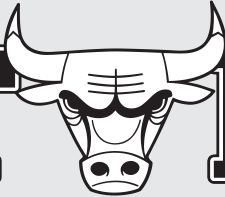


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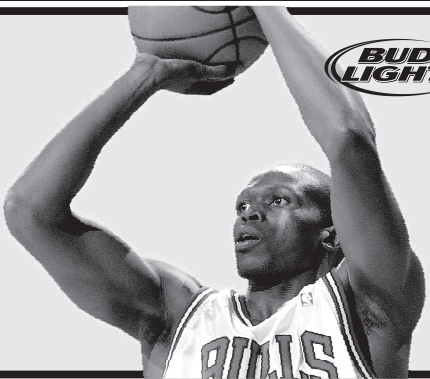
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By Rebecca Palmore

From creepy to corny, Halloween always gives rise to a lively body of theatrical work. This year, local playwrights and theater companies bring fresh blood to the scene, joining repeat offenders such as “Carpenters’ Halloween” and “Disturbed.” We’ve plucked five highlights from the crop. Find more online at metromix.com.

‘Night Falls’ and ‘Laughing in the Face of Death’

The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway. 773-561-4665

The shtick: In “Night Falls,” an homage to ’60s horror TV series such as “The Twilight Zone” and “The Outer Limits,” the narrator guides the audience through four “episodes” set in a tiny Maine town that’s trapped in time. “Laughing in the Face of Death” features a comic onslaught of unsympathetic characters who meet their untimely ends after making stupid choices. Founding member Susan Messing directs.

Next performances: “Night Falls” 7 p.m. Sunday. Through Nov. 2.; “Laughing in the Face of Death” 8 p.m. Saturday. Through Nov. 29. Tickets range from \$10-\$15: theannoyance.com

‘Frankenstein in Love (or The Life of Death)’

Chemically Imbalanced Theater, 1420 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-327-9725

The shtick: This rarely produced horror play by freaky filmmaker Clive Barker (“Hellraiser”) is based on Mary Shelley’s novel “Frankenstein,” in which a lab-created monster in a fictional South American country leads a rebellion in a desperate bid for affection.

Next performance: 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Through Nov. 1. \$10-\$18. Tickets: willactforfood.com

‘The Screwtape Letters’

Fellowship for the Performing Arts at Mercury Theatre, 3745 N. Southport Ave. 773-325-1700

The shtick: Human faith and virtue fall prey to the manipulations of devils who, from their office workplace in hell, teach an apprentice demon how to undermine a young man’s recent conversion to Christianity.

Next performance: 8 p.m. Wednesday. Through Nov. 9. \$29-\$48.50.

‘Jarred: A Hoodoo Comedy’

Chicago Dramatists, 1105 W. Chicago Ave. 773-878-5862

The shtick: Local playwright Tanya Saracho debuts her new play about a young woman who turns to folk magic in an attempt to recover from a heartaching breakup. Performed in English with a sprinkling of Spanish.

First performance: Oct. 31. Through Dec. 14. \$15.



“The Screwtape Letters”



Vote for laughs

Think Halloween’s scary? This month, there’s another subject that’s bringing chills to every man, woman and lipstick-wearing pig: the impending election. Get on the party bus with these political sendups.

This Country’s F---ed!

Local troupes Schadenfreude and GayCo heat up a melting pot of election-themed comedy, ranging from stand-up and sketch to music and videos. 8 and 11 p.m. Saturday and Oct. 25. \$20. Lakeshore Theater, 3175 N. Broadway, 773-472-3492.

Yes, We Can’t!

Whirled News Tonight combines sketch comedy with interactive videos satirizing everything from party lines to polling agencies to vice presidential candidates. Next performance: 8 p.m. Thursday. Through Nov. 6. \$14. iO, 3541 N. Clark St. 773-880-9993.

Land of the Free

Babes With Blades stages local playwright Mark Burns’ comedy about Election Day mayhem in 2004, when a ride to the polls turns into a hostage situation. Expect plenty of stage combat and “appearances” by Ann Coulter, Oscar Wilde, Antigone and King Lear. Next performance: 8 p.m. Thursday. Through Oct. 26. \$12-\$20. The Viaduct, 3111 N. Western Ave. 773-296-6024.

Oobleck Election Play 2008: The Trojan Candidate

Vice President Cheney (a.k.a. actor Jeff Dorchen) asks pressing questions surrounding the 2008 election. Brace yourself for the ride. Next performance: 8 p.m. Friday. Through Nov. 3. \$12 suggested donation. Theater Oobleck at The Neo-Futurarium, 5153 N. Ashland Ave. 773-347-1041.



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Urban verse

Jane Addams Hull House Museum, 800 S. Halsted St. 312-413-5353.

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If you're a fan of Carl Sandburg's or Gwendolyn Brooks' Chicago-themed poetry, turn your ears toward **Kevin Coval**, HBO Def Poet and Louder than a Bomb: The Chicago Teen Poetry Festival founder, whose newly released book "Everyday People" features hip-hop-flavored poems about modern urban life. 6 p.m.

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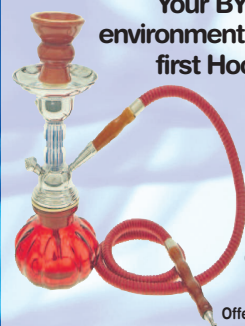
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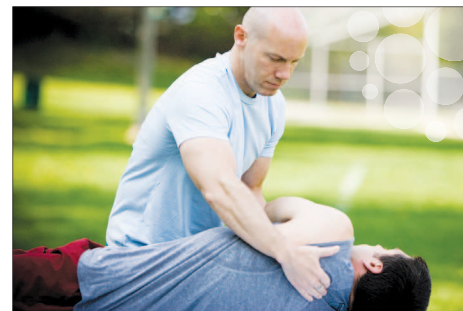
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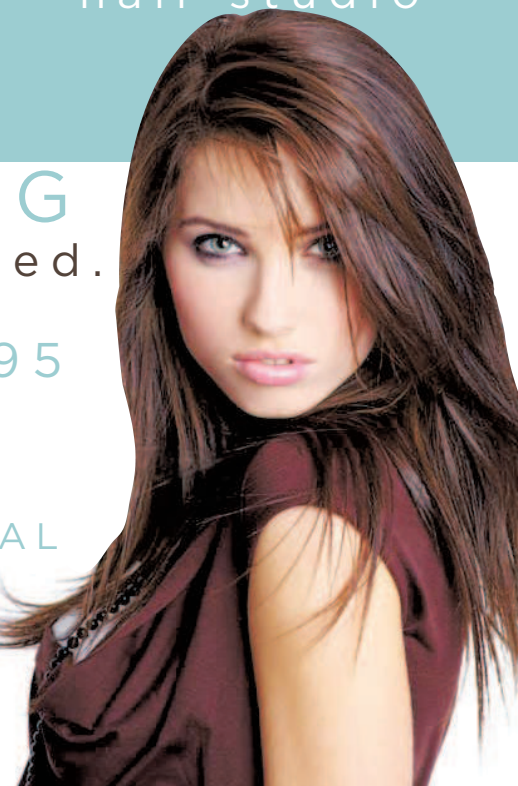
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**The Mountain Goats****SHEARWATER**

Experimental rock group plays from its latest, the terrific "Rook." With *Hospital Ships*. 10:30 p.m. \$12. Lakeshore Theater, 3175 N. Broadway. 312-559-1212.

THE MOUNTAIN GOATS

Pop that's both weird and giddy fun. Guitarist extraordinaire Kaki King opens. 7:30 p.m. \$18.50. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 312-559-1212.

CLOUD MOUTH

Local punk to smack you around a bit. With *Low Red Land*, *Electric Jellyfish*, *Bill Tucker*. 9 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com

AMON AMARTH

Treading the line between rockin' and just scary. With *Ensiferum*, *Belphegor*, *The Absence*. 5:30 p.m. \$21.50-\$23. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

ALISON RUBLE

9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

CHICK SINGER NIGHT

8 p.m. \$10. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

EMPRA, SHANNON RICHARDSON BAND, THE FUTURE LAUREATES, DANNY DOES PIANO, MATTHEW KOPECKY

8:30 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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MIKE MUSIKANTO

9 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

MIKE WHEELER

9:30 p.m. \$7. B.L.U.E.S., 2519 N. Halsted St. 773-528-1012.

THE MUDFLAPPS

8 p.m. Free. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. 847-864-1679.

NICK MAZZARELLA TRIO

9 p.m. Free. Morseland, 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900.

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Through Thicke and thin

R&B singer hits big time after early failures

Associated Press

Robin Thicke is a platinum-selling singer, a Grammy-winning songwriter, a budding sex symbol and goes home at night to a gorgeous wife, actress Paula Patton. Yet while he seems to be living a life most men would envy, the R&B crooner says he still struggles with moments of self-doubt.

Thicke's internal struggles come from trying to meet his own high expectations. It's understandable why the 31-year-old might have lofty goals for himself: He's the son of two actors, Alan Thicke of "Growing Pains" fame and Gloria Loring. And he's had to deal with disappointment. His first CD, 2003's "A Beautiful World," was a commercial flop despite plenty of pre-release buzz.

But with the success of 2006's breakthrough CD "The Evolution of Robin Thicke" and the excitement surrounding the release of his third CD, "Something Else," Thicke may finally gain that confidence that he says he lacks.

The past two years have been really successful for you. Do you wish you did anything different?

I just wish I wouldn't have worried so much or doubted myself so much; I think I would have made a lot more music. Stanley Kubrick, who is my favorite filmmaker, once said his only regret in his career was that he didn't make more movies. It's not that he didn't love the movies he made, but he wishes he could have made more. I have a feeling I'll end up like that, where I'm always going to enjoy the music that I made but I'll always wish I made more.

On the song "Dreamworld," you talk about racism. How did that come about?

"Dreamworld" came about because my wife and I were talking about the situation she faces being an African-American woman in society and in Hollywood and the opportunities and the playing fields not being leveled. In that conversation, we just started talking about what our dream world would be—that includes me and her walking in Mississippi without anybody looking at us.

ROBIN THICKE

When: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Where: Arie Crown Theater, McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive



Singer Robin Thicke makes an appearance on MTV's "Total Request Live" show in August. Excitement is surrounding the release of his third album. **AP FILE**

Do you feel like there's a disadvantage for you in music because you're a white R&B singer?

Anytime you're sticking out like a sore thumb, you can get one of two things: Maybe you get coverage because you stick out like a sore thumb and maybe because you're the sore thumb no one wants to touch it. So I do find that doors are closed because the color of my skin, but doors are also open because of the color of my skin. And doors are closed on a lot of other

people, and I'm definitely not the victim in this society, that's for sure.

Do you think there will be a time when race won't affect people's careers?

With Barack Obama running for president we're learning very quickly that race is still at the forefront of people's minds. Nowadays, just because they changed the laws doesn't mean they changed the whippers. Nowadays, racism is in the whispering and it's in the connotations.

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Christian Slater
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Christian Slater opens the new season of "Inside the Actors Studio" at 6 p.m. Monday on Bravo. Will James Lipton make him cry?

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In the new series "My Own Worst Enemy," super spy Edward Albright gleefully kills foreign operatives while super dad Henry Spivey kisses his wife before heading to the office.

Both personalities, it turns out, inhabit the same body—that of actor Christian Slater.

Slater takes on his first starring TV role—make that roles—at 9 p.m. Monday on NBC, and he's thrilled to be playing an angel and a devil.

"I thought taking the Jekyll and Hyde type of premise ... and blowing it out in such an extreme way was something that was very identifiable," said Slater, who has seen his own devilish moments made public over the years.

Besides his tabloid-ready exploits, Slater is mostly known for starring in cult films such as "Heathers," "True Romance" and his self-proclaimed favorite, "Pump Up the Volume." He wasn't looking for a TV

series, he said, but when the producers contacted him about "My Own Worst Enemy," he couldn't resist.

"It was just one of those opportunities I think I would've been crazy not to agree to [do]," Slater told a group of reporters during a recent conference call. "[The producers] told me that each week they were going to try and put a movie on TV and ... the things we've been able to do have been extraordinary."

The other plus doing series TV—especially playing two characters, Slater said—is that there's very little downtime on set like there is in filmmaking.

"I can honestly say I haven't spent a lot of time hanging out, sitting still," he said. "It's been like jumping on board of a very fast-moving train and just hanging on and keeping up, and enjoying the ride."

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REVIEW

My Own Worst Enemy
9 p.m. Monday, NBC

The scoop: Edward Albright (Christian Slater) and Henry Spivey (Christian Slater) share the same body—and two very different worlds. Edward is a ruthless spy; Henry is a suburban family man. The two personalities, programmed to remain ignorant of each other, start to wake up in each other's realities and all hell breaks loose.

What works: I never doubted that Slater would deliver as Edward, the magnetically intense spy. He's also remarkably effective as wimpy Henry, who gets drunk when he learns

that Edward is the original personality and Henry is the byproduct of an experiment, singing to himself "Roses are red. Violets are blue. I'm a split personality and so am I." **What doesn't:** OK, the Edward/Henry split personality thing is preposterous. And the show trots out practically every spy game cliché from James Bond to "Alias."



Tune in or out? Hell yes, it's far-fetched. But who cares? Slater's the draw here, and watching his two personalities battle for control while trying to keep each other alive is fascinating and believable.

Agents of change

Secret agents are hot this season. Here's a look at four current small-screen spies and the undercover agents of past TV shows who seem to have inspired them.

Edward Albright

"My Own Worst Enemy," NBC

Actor:

Christian Slater. Edward speaks 13 languages, is

trained to kill, works for a clandestine organization and has a split personality that gives him a cover.

Spy forebear: When Sydney Bristow's personal and work lives intertwined on "Alias," people died—and actress Jennifer Garner (above) pouted.



Jack Bauer

"24," Fox

Actor: Kiefer Sutherland (right). Jack Bauer never met an enemy he didn't want to torture—or a phone he didn't like to scream into.

Spy forebear: No TV spy has used torture like Jack, but Vinnie Terranova (Ken Wahl) of "Wiseguy" tried to quit the Organized Crime Bureau as much as Jack has tried to leave Counter Terrorist Unit—always being sucked back in by another chance to kick ass.



Michael Westen

"Burn Notice," USA

Actor: Jeffrey Donovan (right). Spurned by his

former government employers, Westen uses watches, cell phones and household products to create low-tech spy gadgets for use in his new spy-for-hire life.

Spy forebear: Angus MacGyver of "MacGyver" was well-known for his homemade gadgetry; he carried only a Swiss Army knife and duct tape.



Chuck Bartowski

"Chuck," NBC

Actor: Zachary Levi (right). Chuck isn't a trained

spy, but this season he's getting serious about becoming one. Still, usually he cracks a case because of lucky accidents.

Spy forebear: Maxwell Smart (Don Adams) of "Get Smart" was an actual secret agent, but you'd never know it by the way he bumbled through his cases.



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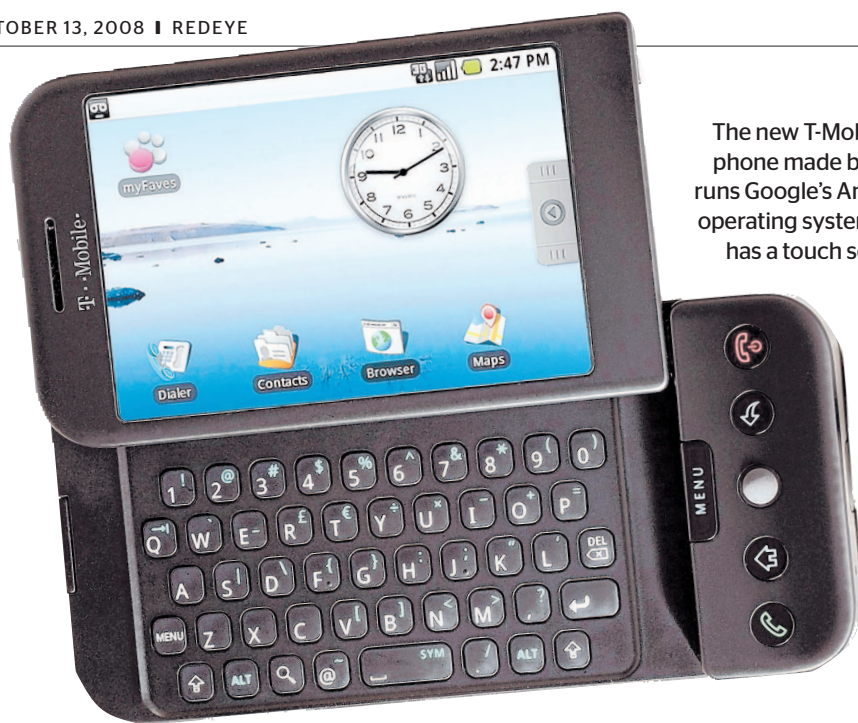
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The new T-Mobile G1 phone made by HTC runs Google's Android operating system and has a touch screen.

It's a cell world after all

The number of cell phones with touch screens is expected to nearly triple by 2010, to 362 million from 120 million in 2007, according to research firm iSuppli. In comparison, cell phones without touch screens are expected to increase by 6 percent, to 1.12 billion from 1.05 billion.

for computers. It develops many of the sensors behind laptop touch pads, digital media players and high-end remote controls.

But touch screens were rarely seen in cell phones until Apple's iPhone hit the market in June 2007.

The iPhone lets users scroll through pages of text or photos and type on an on-screen keyboard with one finger, or expand or shrink files with two fingers.

Analysts who have taken apart the iPhone say they don't believe that the Synaptics technology powers the innovative touch screen. Apple and Synaptics won't say. But the device's growing popularity helped Synaptics' mission of bringing touch screens to the mainstream.

Over the past six months, the company has launched four phones with its touch-screen technology. And another one is coming soon: The G1, which is made by HTC and runs Google's Android operating system.

Putting touch technology on cell phones

wasn't embraced at first. That has all changed, said Andrew Hsu, a product marketing manager at the company.

"Now we don't have to go to customers and say, 'You want to do this,'" he said.

In 2006, a year before the iPhone was unveiled, Synaptics demonstrated a concept phone called the Onyx, a remote-control-looking device navigated by the fingertip. In January 2007, the LG Prada, with Synaptics technology, became the first touch-screen cell phone to reach the market, but it didn't catch on the way the iPhone did six months later.

In 2007, when Google encouraged companies to join the Open Handset Alliance to develop a new cell phone software platform, Synaptics signed up. Hsu said cell phones with touch screens become more useful if the software takes advantage of the technology.

"The Google people understood the software side and worked on applications from the get-go, rather than bolt things on the last second," he said.

The G1 and Android-powered phones from other manufacturers are aiming for the same smart-phone consumer market dominated by Research In Motion's BlackBerry and iPhone. Besides the touch screen, the G1 also is controlled by a track ball and a keyboard.

It's unclear how the new touch-screen cell phones will sell.

The Midas touch?

Los Angeles Times

The first of the "Google phones" is controlled using a method that is finally gaining momentum in mobile computing: swiping a finger across the screen.

The touch sensors in T-Mobile's G1 phone,

which hits the market Oct. 23, are made by Synaptics, a little-known but influential Silicon Valley company co-founded in 1986 by a professor and a microprocessor engineer.

For the two decades since, Synaptics has championed the finger as a navigation tool

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Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Venus is moving into your sign, and it's time for some fun flirtation. If you're single, you'll be shocked at how many people are competing for your attention. If you're happily partnered, prepare to get happier.



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Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You have certain requirements in romance, and you're not afraid to make your needs known. The moon has you in the mood to make demands. But before you get too bossy, make sure that you're satisfying your partner's desires too.



Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You're of two minds about someone. Part of you would like to move forward and take things to the next level. Another part of you is still nursing wounds from the past and doesn't want to risk getting hurt again. The moon says take your time.



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Feb. 19-March 20

You'll be on the move this week as Mercury kicks up transportation and travel for you. Remember to stay in touch with that special someone who might need you more than ever. Send him a love letter via text message or leave her a sweet voice mail.



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April 20-May 20

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May 21-June 21

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June 22-July 22

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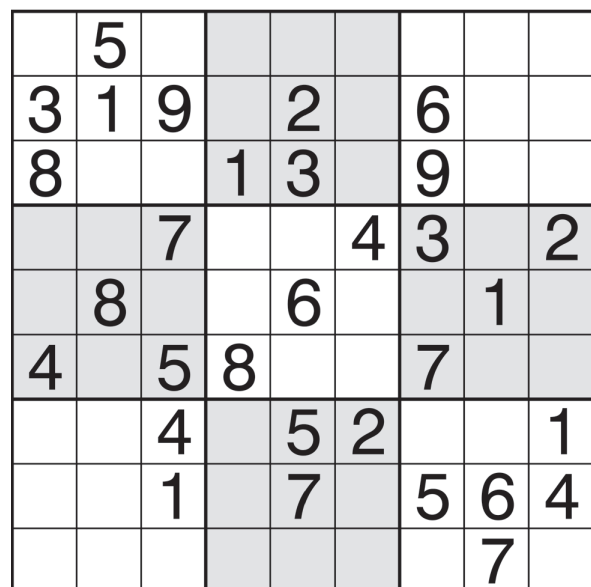
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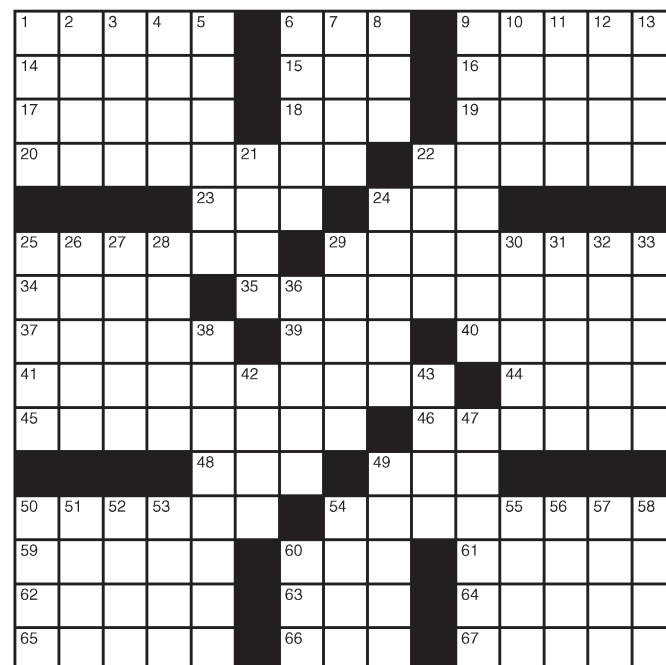
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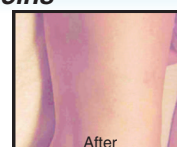
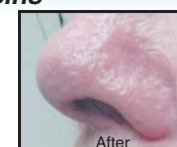
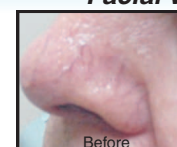
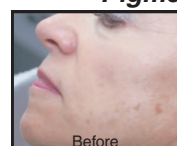
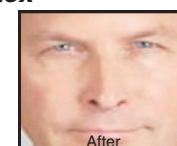
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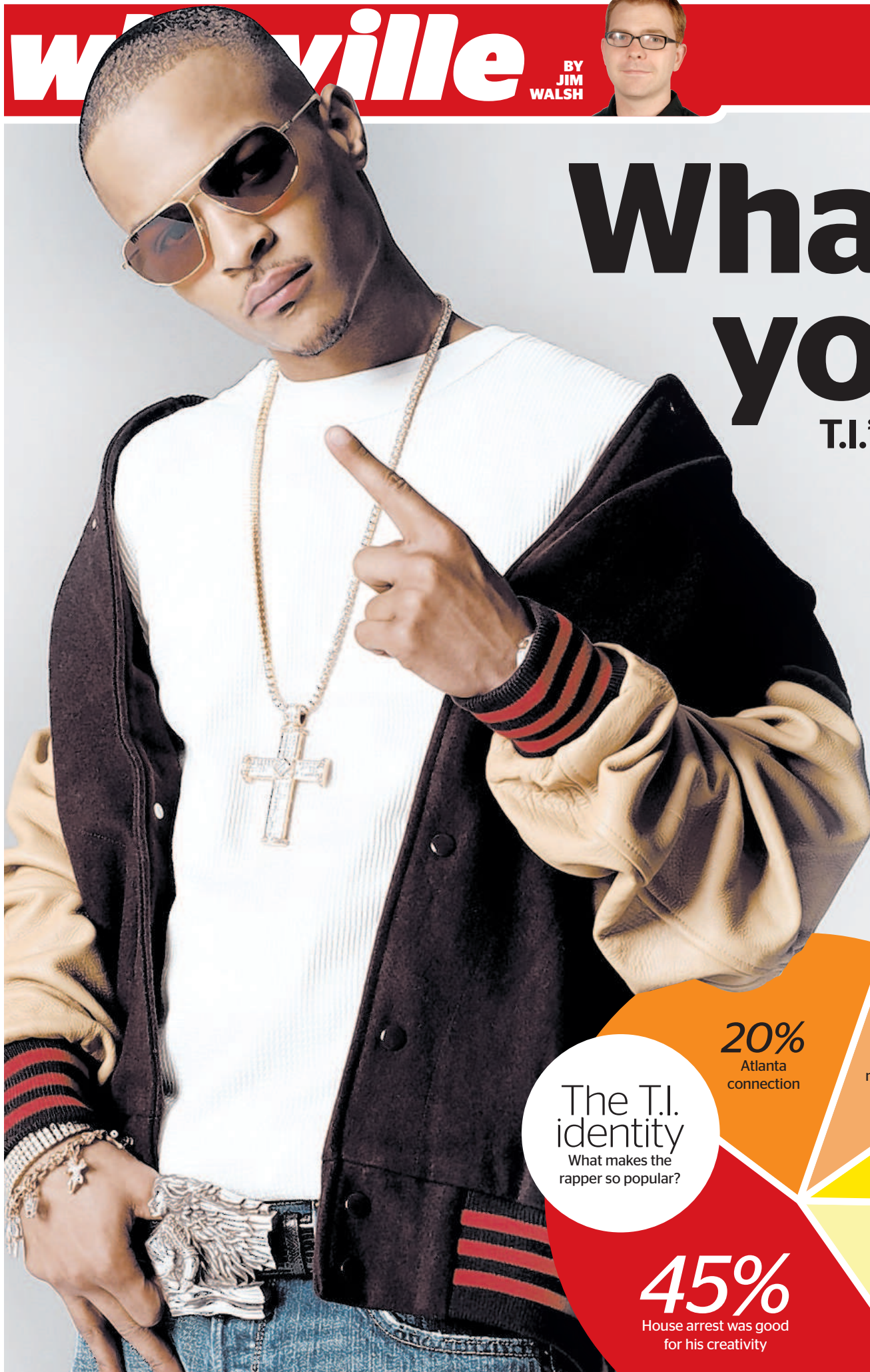
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It was a big week for T.I. The Atlanta rapper nabbed his third consecutive No. 1 album on the pop charts last week, selling more than 560,000 copies of his new album, "Paper Trail," according to Nielsen SoundScan.

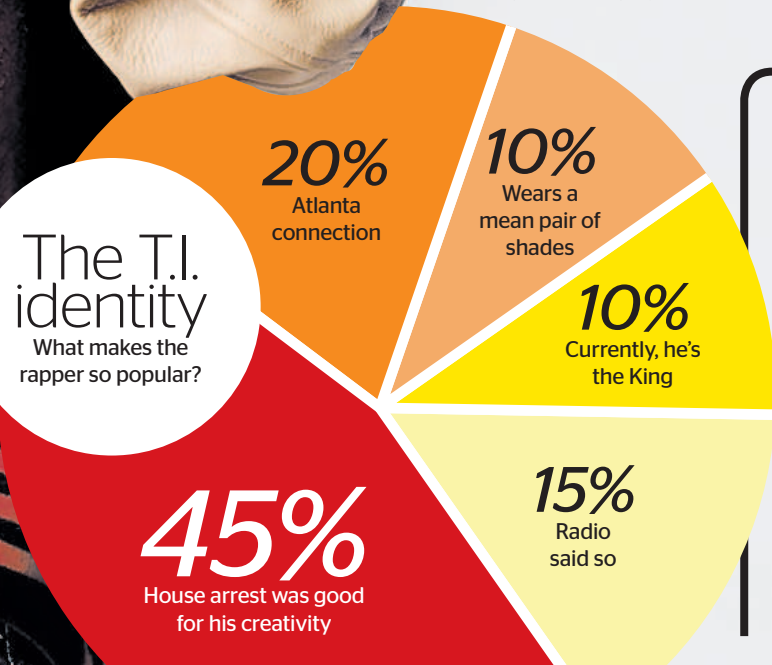
He also had the unusual pleasure of beating himself out of the No. 1 spot on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart. "Live Your Life" with Rihanna knocked out T.I.'s previous hit, "Whatever You Like," according to **billboard.com**.

The last person to do that was Usher, who replaced his No. 1 "Burn" with his No. 1 "Confessions Part II" back in 2004, according to the site.

T.I., who has a pending year-and-a-day prison term he's due to begin serving next year on weapons charges, seems like he's on top of the world right now.

He even guest edited the politically themed November issue of King magazine, in which he encouraged readers to "cut your PlayStation off and turn to CNN and listen" to what's going on in politics next month.

So what is it that makes the rapper tick? RedEye decided to take a closer look at T.I. "CSI"-style. We just got the (highly unscientific) results back from the lab.



Hit parade

T.I.'s been a busy man. Here's a look back at some of his hits.

- 2003 Trap Muzik**
HITS: 24's, Rubber Band Man
- 2004 Urban Legend**
HIT: Bring Em Out
- 2006 King**
HIT: What You Know
- 2007 T.I. vs T.I.P.**
HIT: Big Things Poppin'
- 2008 Paper Trail**
HITS: Whatever You Like, Live Your Life

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Jolie
AP FILE

Getting political in Germany

The stars are aligning in the month before the presidential election Nov. 4. Angelina Jolie has hinted in the German edition of *Vanity Fair* that she might be backing Barack Obama. "Naturally, an American president like Barack Obama would be nice for my family," she tells the mag, according to Associated Press excerpts.

Baby talk

It's twins for Lisa Marie Presley! A publicist for the singer told The Associated Press that she gave birth Tuesday to girls, whose names were not released. One baby weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces, and the other came in at 5 pounds, 2 ounces. In other baby news, Erykah Badu says she is pregnant again, according to **usmagazine.com**. The singer, who has two other children, did not reveal the identity of the baby's daddy.



Presley



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Sarah Palin

The VP candidate coming to "SNL"? So says the New York Post.

QUOTED

"My favorite thing in the world is to come home, have a swim, put my pajamas on and open a bottle of wine."

—"The Office" creator Ricky Gervais, talking about his exercise routine.

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Star Jones

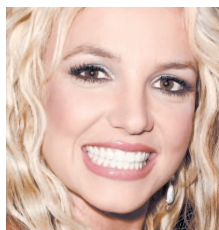
It's been, like, two years since she left "The View" and

she's STILL talking trash about Barbara and the gang, who apparently "were hateful," she tells *Essence*.



Video games

First Kanye West debuts his video for "Love Lockdown" on Ellen DeGeneres' talk show. And now Britney Spears has used ABC's "20/20" to pimp the music video for her "Womanizer" single, according to **people.com**. Whatever happened to, you know, music television? Spears' video, in which she plays three kinds of women and at several points appears to be naked, dropped over the weekend.



Spears

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Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to **jxwalsh@tribune.com**. For Monday, we have Stephanie Marckel. Think she's a ringer for Kate Walsh? Text "**kate**" and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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'Rock' of love

Alec Baldwin is getting close with Salma Hayek—at least as his Jack Donaghy character on “30 Rock.”

Hayek will guest star on the NBC sitcom in a recurring role as Elisa, Donaghy's new love interest.

“Salma is smart, funny and gorgeous,” “30 Rock” creator and star Tina Fey said in an NBC release. “I think she will be a great strong presence opposite Jack Donaghy.”

And if that's not enough star power for you, the sitcom also has confirmed a slate of big names for the new season: Oprah Winfrey, Megan Mullally, Jennifer Aniston, Will Arnett and Steve Martin.

Baldwin
NBC

Wedding remix

Maybe it was the romance of Vegas that inspired them. Jennifer Lopez and hubby Marc Anthony renewed their vows in the wee hours of the morning Sunday in Sin City, **people.com** reports.

The couple, who tied the knot more than four years ago, held their renewal ceremony at Caesars Palace at 3:15 a.m. after clubbing at Pure, a rep for the hotel confirmed to People.

On Friday, the couple was spotted at LAX Nightclub and The Bank after checking out Criss Angel's new Cirque Du Soleil show “Believe.”

Hayek
AP

THE VELVET ROPE

Swing music

The Beastie Boys are getting political with their new tour—and they're bringing friends.

Sheryl Crow, Jack Johnson, Ben Harper, Norah Jones and Tenacious D are a few of the stars participating in the “Get Out and Vote” tour this month in three swing states.

“This election is too important to stay at home,” the group said in a statement. “We hope that you can come out, have a nice night, dance, sing, get your freak on, and then wake up the next morning and get everyone that you possibly can to get out and vote.”

Thin patrol

“Gossip Girl” star Taylor Momsen has gotten flack for her svelte figure, but she says she's not under pressure to be skinny.

It's all in the jeans—er—genes, she tells **usmagazine.com**.

“I mean, I'm just kind of naturally thin,” the 15-year-old told reporters Saturday, according to the mag. “My mom's really thin, and I'm tall. Good genes.”

She also said she doesn't work out.

“I just eat healthy,” she said. “I walk a lot because I live in New York.”



Momsen: Good genes? **AP FILE**

The ex factor?

Travis Barker, recuperating from a fiery plane crash that killed four people, has taken to his blog to thank his fans—and call out his ex-wife.

“Despite any rumors you might have heard via my EX-wife Shanna Moakler, who I have not seen since the week I checked in, I've been treated amazingly well,” Barker writes in his latest MySpace post.

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That's how much the family comedy “Beverly Hills Chihuahua” raked in at the box office, making it the No. 1 flick for the second straight weekend.

Talk about dog days

An adorable talking dog is at the heart of “Beverly Hills Chihuahua.” Which actress provides the voice for the pup? Text “**dog**” and the number of your response to **47383**. You'll get a message telling you if you're right.

1. Drew Barrymore
2. Amy Poehler

3. Katie Holmes
4. Angelina Jolie